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SUPERMAN says: "It's Smart to Check-- and DOUBLECHECK!"

HMM... THAT YOUNGSTER ON THE BIKE SEEMS UNSURE OF HIMSELF. HE SHOULDN'T BE TURNING INTO THAT STREET-- THERE'S TOO MUCH TRAFFIC FOR A BEGINNER.!

GREAT SCOTT! *HE* MAY NOT BE IN DANGER -- BUT THOSE TWO CARS BEHIND ARE! THEY'RE ABOUT TO COLLIDE!

ZOOMING DOWN, THE MAN OF STEEL PROPELS HIMSELF BETWEEN THE TWO CARS--ACTING AS A HUMAN CUSHION!

GOSH, THANKS, SUPERMAN. THIS FELLOW WOULD HAVE CRASHED RIGHT INTO ME! I DIDN'T THINK HE'D SWERVE OVER AS I WAS PASSING HIM.

I *HAD* TO--OR I'D HAVE HIT THAT KID ON THE BIKE! I DIDN'T EXPECT HIM TO MAKE SUCH A WIDE TURN!

YOU "*DIDN'T THINK*... YOU "*DIDN'T EXPECT*... THAT'S JUST THE TROUBLE! NEITHER OF YOU *THOUGHT AHEAD!*

THIS YOUNGSTER, OF COURSE, WAS CARELESS, TO START WITH. HE DIDN'T EVEN STOP TO SEE IF THE ROAD WAS CLEAR. BUT YOU TWO SHOULDN'T HAVE TAKEN THINGS FOR GRANTED.

YOU'VE GOT TO BE PREPARED FOR THE UNEXPECTED. SOMETIMES, AN EXTRA BIT OF JUDGMENT CAN MEAN THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BEING SAFE AND BEING SORRY! REMEMBER, IT'S SMART TO CHECK--AND DOUBLE-CHECK!

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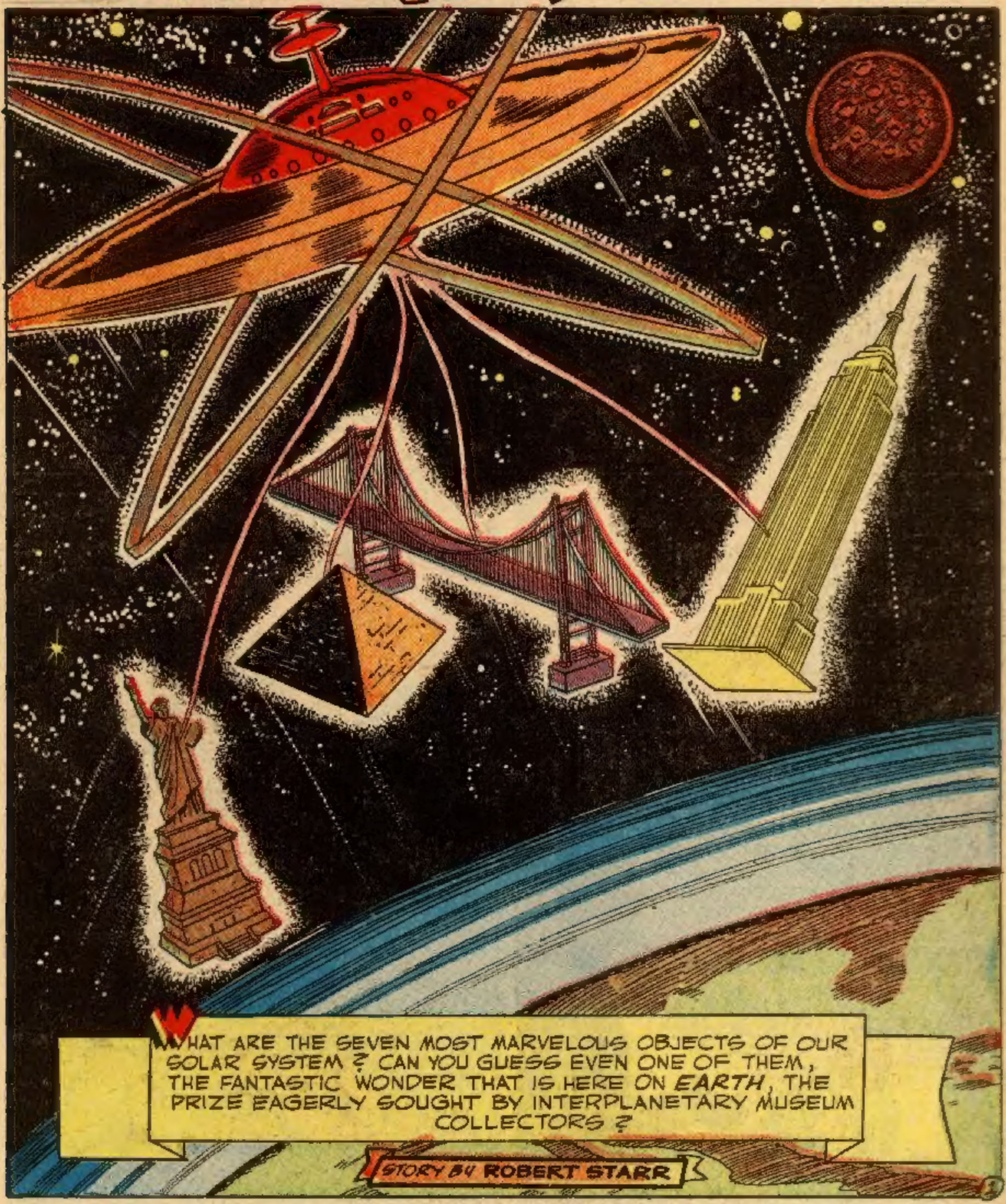
THE SEVEN WONDERS of SPACE!


WHAT ARE THE SEVEN MOST MARVELOUS OBJECTS OF OUR SOLAR SYSTEM? CAN YOU GUESS EVEN ONE OF THEM, THE FANTASTIC WONDER THAT IS HERE ON EARTH, THE PRIZE EAGERLY SOUGHT BY INTERPLANETARY MUSEUM COLLECTORS?
STORY BY ROBERT STARR

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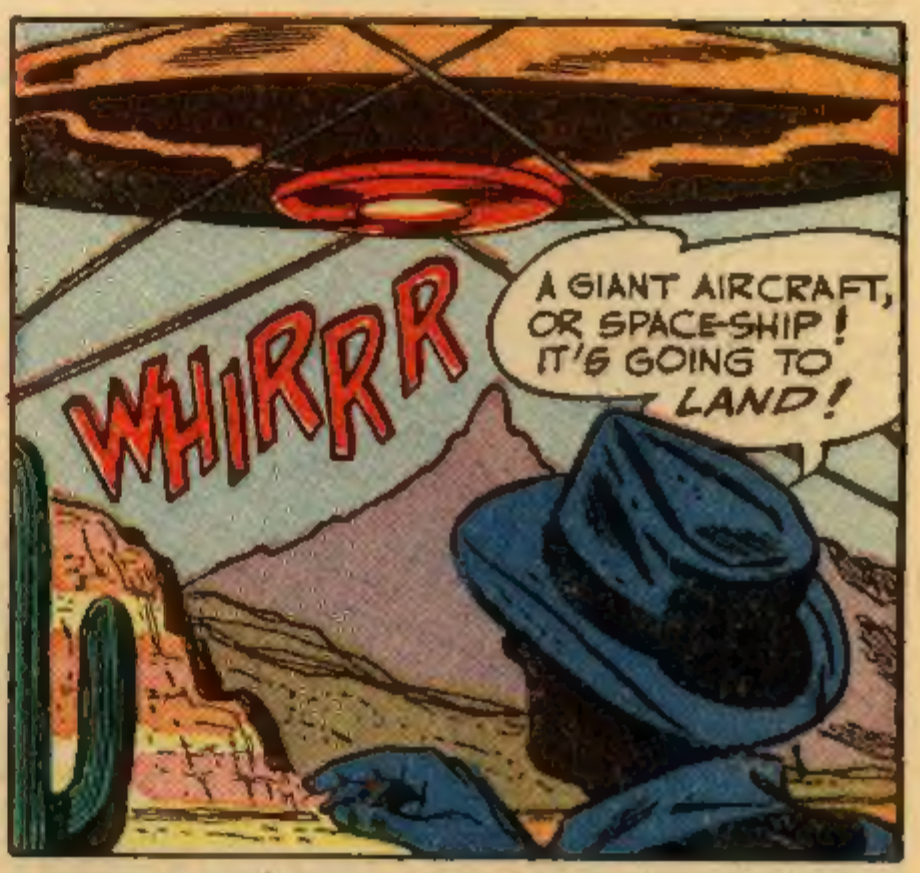
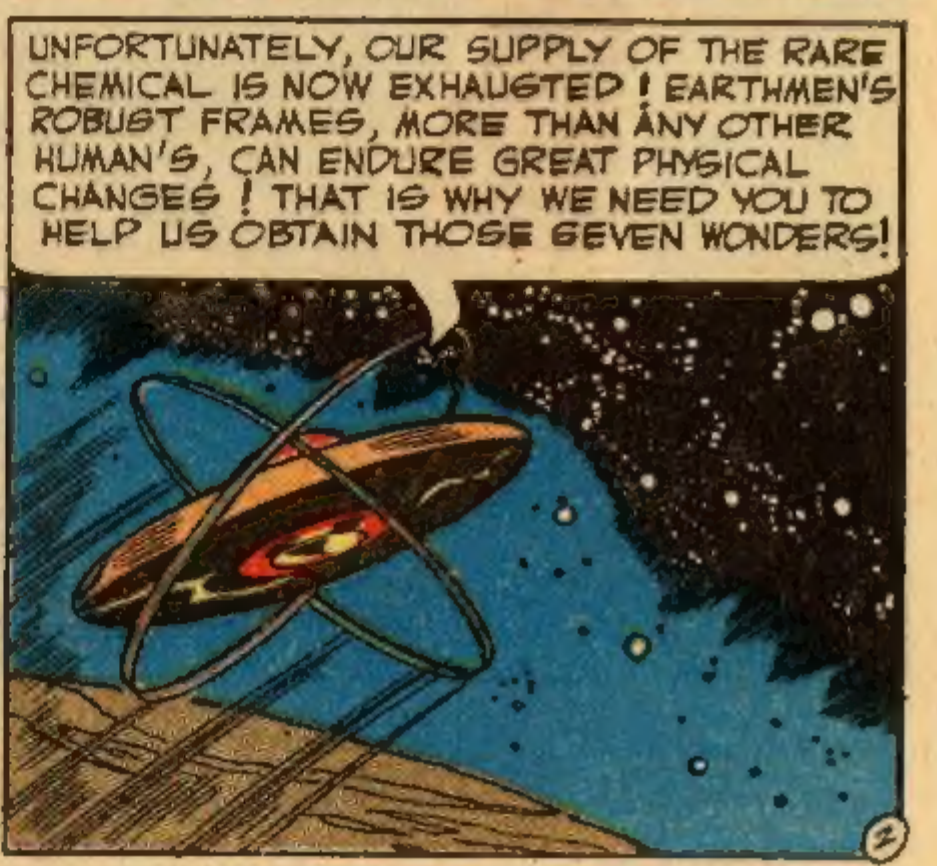
SOME MILES SOUTHWEST OF WINSLOW, ARIZONA, FRANK ANDREWS, A LONE PROSPECTOR, PLODS THE SOIL OF METEOR CANYON DESERT...



ROOTED TO THE SPOT, THE STUNNED PROSPECTOR WATCHES THE ODD-SHAPED CRAFT LAND--AND A MOMENT LATER ...
GREETINGS, EARTHMAN! WE COME HERE IN FRIENDSHIP!
HIS LIPS AREN'T MOVING--YET I CAN HEAR EVERY WORD HE SAYS!

I SPEAK TO YOU BY TELEPATHIC COMMUNICATION! WE COME FROM JUPITER, THE FIFTH PLANET IN THE SOLAR SYSTEM! YOU HAVE BEEN SELECTED TO JOIN OUR SEARCH FOR THE GREATEST WONDERS OF THE PLANETS, TO ADD THEM TO OUR MOON MUSEUM ON GANYMEDE!
LET ME GO! YOU CAN'T MAKE ME ONE OF YOUR "WONDERS"!

NO HARM WILL COME TO YOU--IF YOU HELP US! IN ORDER TO SUBSIST ON OTHER WORLDS, WE USE A RARE CHEMICAL THAT ENABLES OUR BODIES TO WITHSTAND EXTREME CHANGES IN GRAVITY AND ATMOSPHERE!


UNFORTUNATELY, OUR SUPPLY OF THE RARE CHEMICAL IS NOW EXHAUSTED! EARTHMEN'S ROBUST FRAMES, MORE THAN ANY OTHER HUMAN'S, CAN ENDURE GREAT PHYSICAL CHANGES! THAT IS WHY WE NEED YOU TO HELP US OBTAIN THOSE SEVEN WONDERS!

ALL WELL AND GOOD AS FAR AS *YOU'RE* CONCERNED! BUT WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?

OUR GUARANTEE NOT TO HARM A SINGLE EARTH-MAN WHEN WE TAKE THE *SEVENTH WONDER OFF YOUR PLANET!*

WHAT IS IT? THE EMPIRE STATE BUILDING? THE TAJ MAHAL? THE GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE?

NO, WE WON'T REVEAL NOW WHAT EARTH'S WONDER IS! BUT YOU'LL FIND OUT-- WHEN THE MOMENT ARRIVES TO REMOVE IT!

CLOSER TO THE SUN THAN ANY OTHER PLANET, MERCURY'S SURFACE SWELTERS UNDER A TEMPERATURE OF 600 DEGREES-- HOT ENOUGH TO MELT LEAD!

YOU WANT ME TO SET FOOT ON THAT HOT SURFACE?

THIS REFRIGERATED SUIT WILL KEEP YOU ALIVE! YOU WILL FIND THE *JEWEL OF JALAR* BELOW! TAKE IT AND BRING IT BACK!

OKAY-- BUT BE READY TO PULL ME UP WHEN I GIVE THE SIGNAL!

MERCURY'S LIGHT GRAVITY ENABLES FRANK TO LEAP ACROSS THE FISSURE CRACKS AND SCORCHED SANDS OF THE BLAZING PLANET...

FINALLY, HE REACHES THE GREAT *JEWEL OF JALAR*-- RESTING AT THE BOTTOM OF A HUGE CRATER...

A WORLD WITHIN THE GIANT JEWEL! NO WONDER IT'S SO RARE..!

SUDDENLY--DOWN THE SLOPES OF THE CRATER--RUSHES A MERCURIAN NIGHTMARE...

TROUBLE AHEAD! AND I'M TOO FAR AWAY TO SIGNAL MY JOVIAN FRIENDS!

I FEEL LIKE DANIEL IN THE LION'S DEN!

DESPERATELY, THE EARTHMAN FIGHTS BACK. TO HIS AMAZEMENT, THE MERCURIAN MONSTER IS EASILY LIFTED AND HURLED THROUGH SPACE...

HA! I DON'T KNOW MY OWN STRENGTH!*

REMEMBER, I'M KEEPING MY END OF THE BARGAIN! YOU PROMISED NOT TO HURT ANYONE ON EARTH REMOVING THAT SEVENTH WONDER!

NO ONE WILL BE HARMED! IN FACT, NOBODY WILL EVEN BE AWARE THAT THE SEVENTH WONDER IS GONE AFTER WE DO TAKE IT!

*EDITOR'S NOTE: MERCURY'S SURFACE GRAVITY IS 26% OF EARTH'S--ITS MASS ONLY 0.04%--ENABLING FRANK TO PERFORM PRODIGIOUS FEATS OF STRENGTH!

PEOPLE WON'T KNOW IT WHEN IT'S GONE! MAYBE IT'S SOMETHING SMALL--A PRICELESS GEM--A GRAM OF RADIUM--A DROP OF WATER! I WONDER IF I CAN TRUST THEM?

WITHIN HOURS, THE JOVIAN SPACE-SHIP HOVERS OVER THE WATERY WORLD OF ***VENUS***. A STEADY RAIN FALLS PERPETUALLY ON THE GREAT HEAVING OCEANS THAT BLANKET ITS SURFACE. FLOATING ISLANDS BLOW OVER THE TOSSING WATERS BEFORE A FOGGY WIND...

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ON ONE OF THE FLOATING ISLANDS IS THE STRANGE AND ANCIENT *MAUSOLEUM OF MATOR AND MAETA*..

ACCORDING TO THE JOVIANS, *MATOR* AND *MAETA* WERE THE FIRST MAN AND WOMAN TO MIGRATE FROM ANOTHER STAR TO THIS SOLAR SYSTEM, ALMOST *100,000* YEARS AGO! THEY WERE THE ORIGINAL ANCESTORS OF THE JOVIAN RACE!

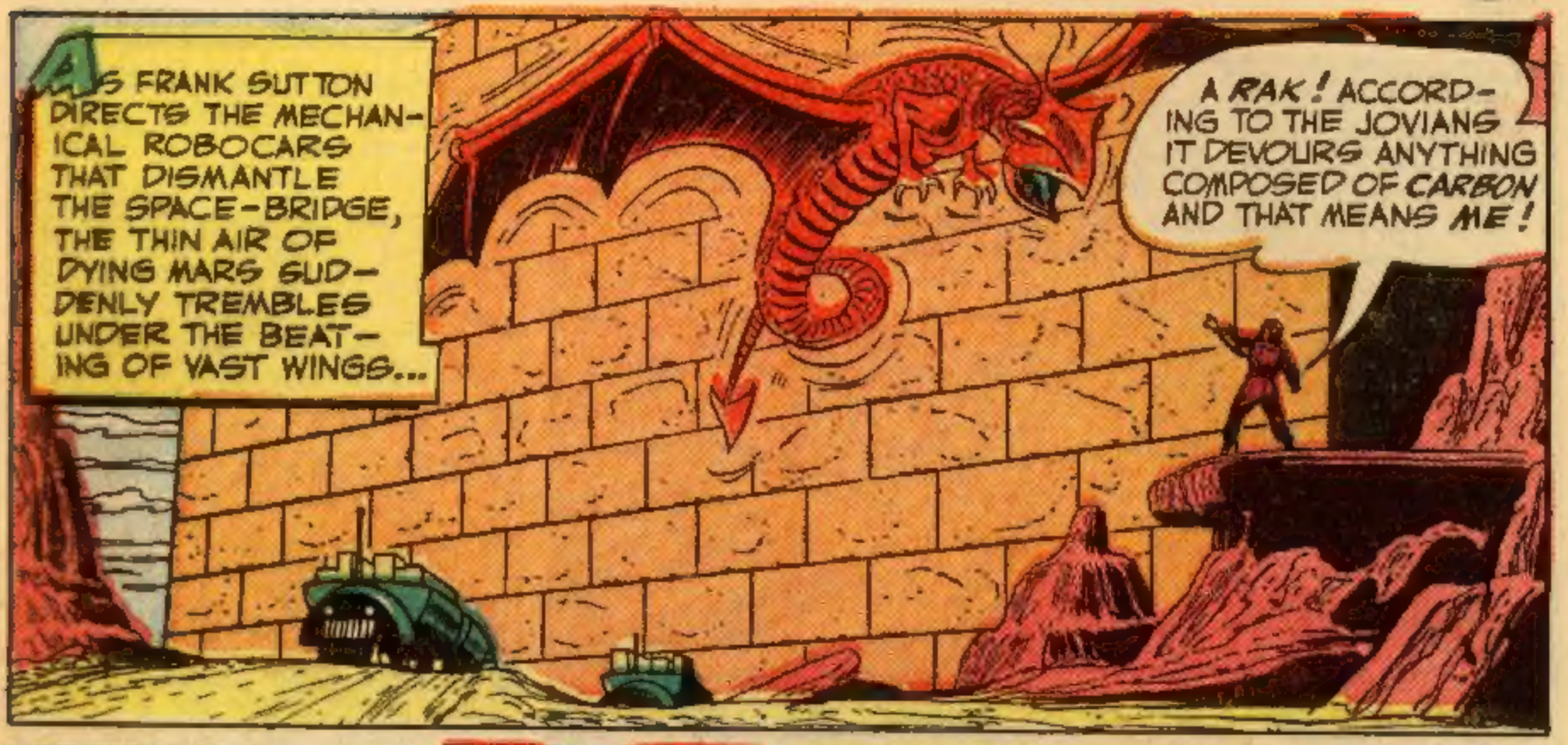
WHAT IN THUNDER—? VINES! DRAGGING ME--TOWARD THAT FLOWER—

THEY INSULATED THIS SUIT AGAINST HEAT ON MERCURY! MAYBE I CAN REVERSE THE INSULATION HERE--AND EXPEL THAT HEAT!

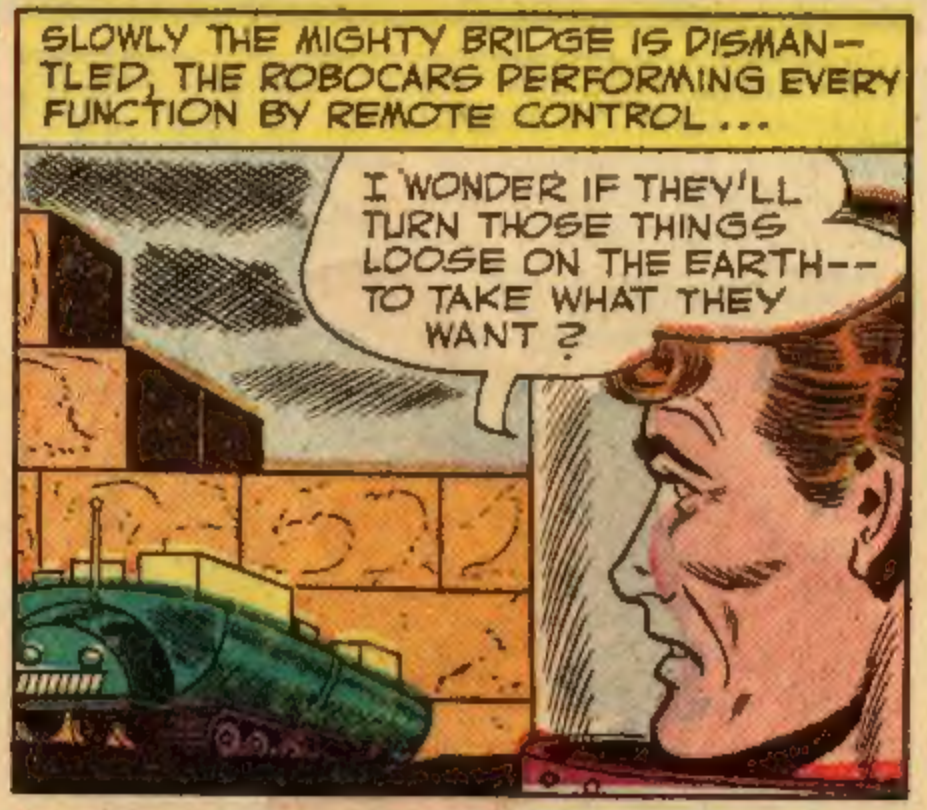
I'VE BURNED THE VINES AND FLOWERS! NOW TO GUIDE THOSE TRACTOR BEAMS AS THEY LIFT UP THE MAUSOLEUM TO THE SHIP!

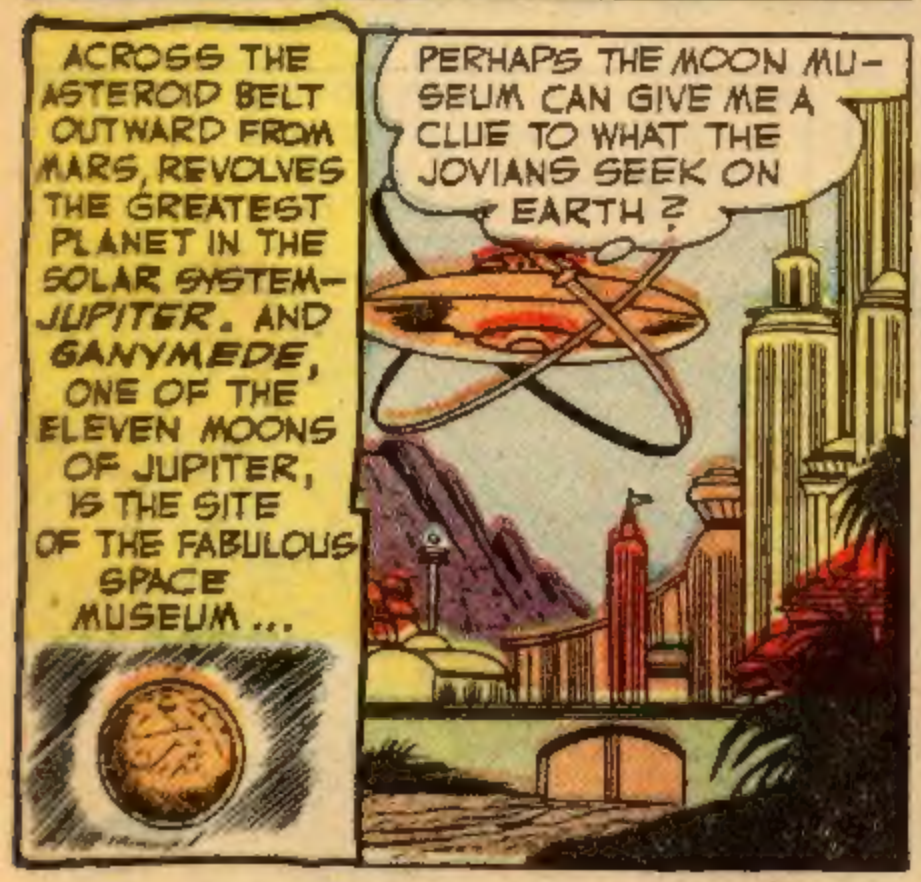
! MARS IS THE NEXT STOP--A DRY, BARREN PLANET ACROSS WHOSE DESERT SURFACE RAGE SWIRLING SANDSTORMS. AND TOWERING HIGH ABOVE THOSE DESERTS IS AN IMMENSE STONE SPACE-BRIDGE...

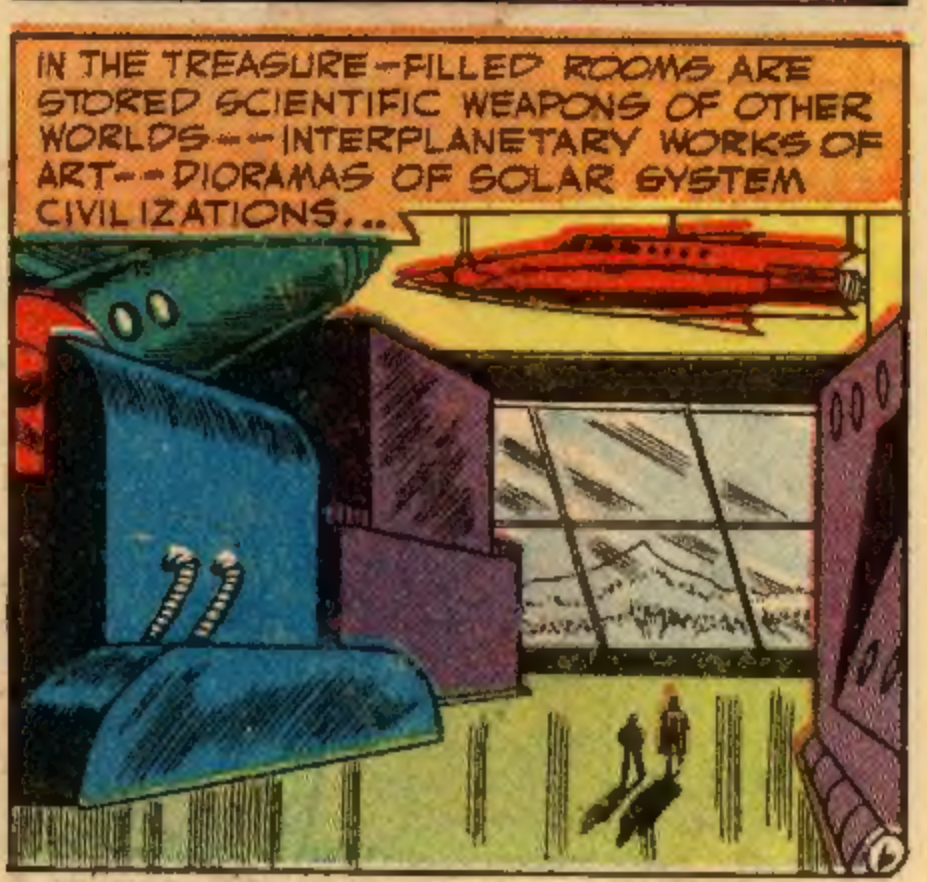
THE PRIMITIVE PEOPLES OF MARS BUILT IT TO REACH PHOBOS, ONE OF THEIR MOONS--5800 MILES AWAY! A SCIENTIFIC IMPOSSIBILITY, IT WAS NEVER COMPLETED!


AS FRANK SUTTON DIRECTS THE MECHANICAL ROBOCARS THAT DISMANTLE THE SPACE-BRIDGE, THE THIN AIR OF DYING MARS SUDDENLY TREMBLES UNDER THE BEATING OF VAST WINGS...
A RAK! ACCORDING TO THE JOVIANS IT DEVOURS ANYTHING COMPOSED OF CARBON AND THAT MEANS ME!

LUCKY THING FOR ME THE JOVIANS GAVE ME THIS FREEZE-BLASTER!


SLOWLY THE MIGHTY BRIDGE IS DISMANTLED, THE ROBOCARS PERFORMING EVERY FUNCTION BY REMOTE CONTROL...
I WONDER IF THEY'LL TURN THOSE THINGS LOOSE ON THE EARTH--TO TAKE WHAT THEY WANT?


ACROSS THE ASTEROID BELT OUTWARD FROM MARS, REVOLVES THE GREATEST PLANET IN THE SOLAR SYSTEM—JUPITER. AND GANYMEDE, ONE OF THE ELEVEN MOONS OF JUPITER, IS THE SITE OF THE FABULOUS SPACE MUSEUM...
PERHAPS THE MOON MUSEUM CAN GIVE ME A CLUE TO WHAT THE JOVIANS SEEK ON EARTH?


IN THE TREASURE-FILLED ROOMS ARE STORED SCIENTIFIC WEAPONS OF OTHER WORLDS---INTERPLANETARY WORKS OF ART--DIORAMAS OF SOLAR SYSTEM CIVILIZATIONS...

MYSTERY IN SPACE

I'VE GUESSED EVERYTHING I KNOW ON EARTH! THE GREAT WALL OF CHINA! MT. EVEREST! THE OAK RIDGE ATOM LABORATORIES! IT'S *NONE* OF THEM! AND THEY STILL INSIST NO EARTHMAN WILL MISS THE ***WONDER*** THEY SEEK!

SATURN, THE RINGED PLANET, BOASTS THE FIFTH WONDER--A TINKLING FOREST OF LIVING CRYSTAL--

PLUTO LIES ON THE VERY RIM OF THE SOLAR SYSTEM, ITS SURFACE BLEAK AND FROZEN! ABOVE IT FLOATS EERIE HANGING ICE GARDENS..

RELAX, MAN OF EARTH! WE HAVE NEUTRALIZED THE POLAR MAGNETIC RAYS THAT KEEP THE GARDENS FLOATING OVER PLUTO! THEY ARE NOW ANCHORED TO OUR SHIP!

THE HUNT IS ENTERING ITS FINAL STAGE! AFTER THEY STORE THESE NEW WONDERS ON GANYMEDE, WE GO BACK TO EARTH!

TWO DAYS LATER, THE JOVIAN SHIP DROPS INTO EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE...

WHY--YOU BROUGHT ME BACK TO THE SAME PLACE YOU FOUND ME! ***METEOR CANYON!*** YOU TRICKED ME! YOU'LL DROP ME OFF HERE, THEN GO AND STEAL YOUR ***WONDER***, RUTHLESSLY KILLING PEOPLE!

NO--EARTHMAN!

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THE SEVENTH WONDER OF THE SOLAR SYSTEM HAS NEVER BEEN SEEN BY ANY LIVING CREATURE! YET IT WEIGHS TWELVE MILLION TONS!

WHY, THAT CAN ONLY MEAN--

THE METEOR BURIED IN METEOR CANYON!

YES--EXCEPT IT IS NOT A METEOR DOWN THERE--

IT IS A SPACE-SHIP! THE SPACE-SHIP THAT BROUGHT OUR PEOPLE FROM OUR STAR GALAXY AFTER MATOR AND MAETA SIGNALLED US FROM VENUS TO COME AHEAD! IT GOT OUT OF CONTROL AND PLUNGED TOWARD THE SUN! WE ABANDONED IT, TO LAND ON JUPITER!

IT DID NOT FALL INTO THE SUN, AS WE ASSUMED. IT HIT THE EARTH--WITH SUCH FORCE IT BURIED ITSELF FAR UNDER THE CRUST! THAT IS WHY NO MAN HAS EVER SEEN IT! AND SINCE IT IS THE SHIP THAT BROUGHT OUR PEOPLE TO THE SOLAR WORLDS--IT WILL HOLD A PLACE OF HONOR IN OUR MUSEUM!

FAREWELL, MEN OF JUPITER! AND THANKS--FOR PERMITTING ME TO SHARE IN ONE OF THE GREATEST ADVENTURES OF ALL TIME AND SPACE!

THE END

TOP SPEED STOPS SPY

ANOTHER JIM WISE "P-F" ADVENTURE STORY

STOP HIM! HE STOLE THE SECRET BLUEPRINTS!

MAYBE WE CAN STOP HIM AT THE CORNER!

LET'S GO!

GLAD WE'RE WEARING OUR "P-F's"!

I'LL GIVE HIM A "FLYING BLOCK"

JIM WISE TELLS WHY "P-F" CANVAS SHOES HELP YOU GO FULL SPEED LONGER!

1. THE IMPORTANT "P-F" RIGID WEDGE HELPS KEEP THE WEIGHT OF THE BODY ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE NORMAL FOOT...DECREASING FOOT AND LEG MUSCLE STRAIN, INCREASING ENDURANCE.

2. SPONGE RUBBER CUSHION.

"P-F" MEANS POSTURE FOUNDATION ®

GOT IT!

HERE YOU ARE, SIR

NICE GOING, BOYS. YOUR SPEED HELPED CAPTURE A DANGEROUS SPY

AND YOU SAVED SOME IMPORTANT BLUEPRINTS

OUR "P-F's" HELPED US GO AT OUR BEST

TAKE A TIP FROM JIM WISE!

GET YOUR "P-F" CANVAS SHOES TODAY AND SEE FOR YOURSELF HOW THEY HELP:

...LESSEN FOOT AND LEG MUSCLE STRAIN

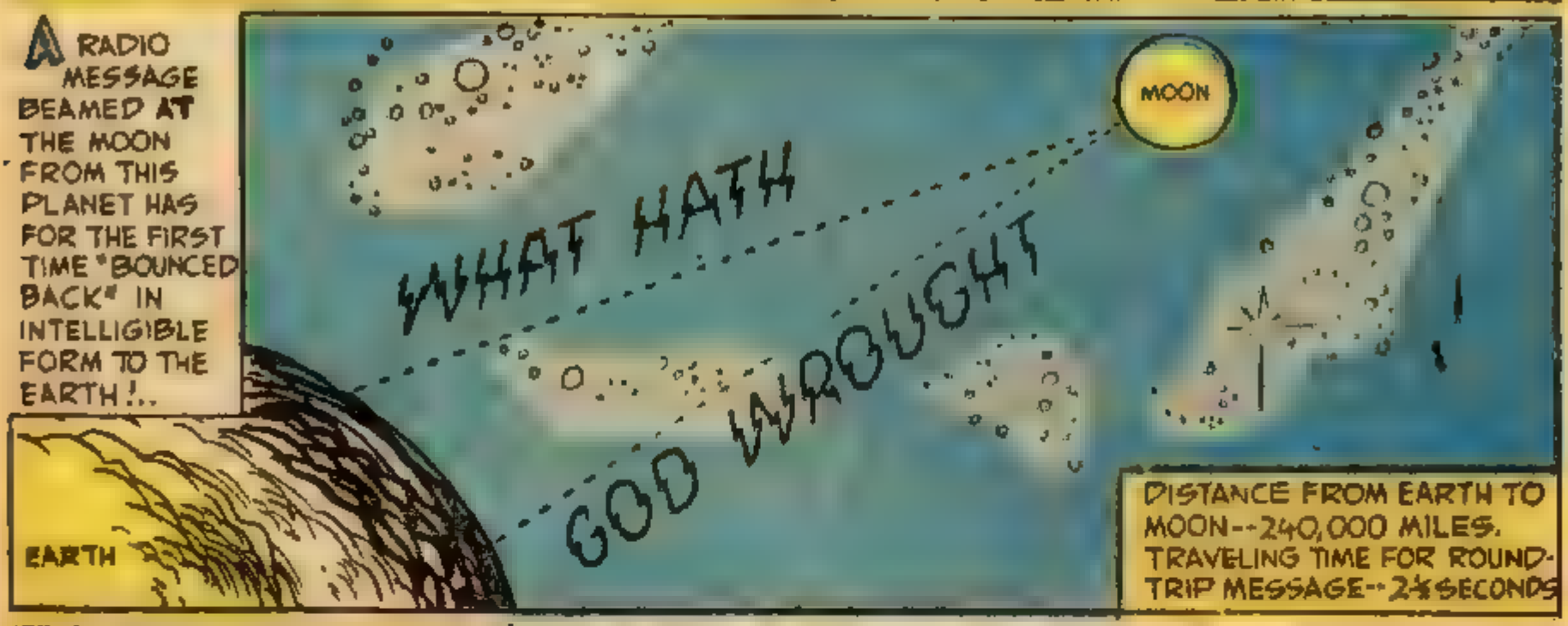
...INCREASE ENDURANCE

...YOU GO FULL SPEED LONGER

INSIST ON "P-F" CANVAS SHOES MADE ONLY BY [illegible] Rubber Company and B.F.Goodrich

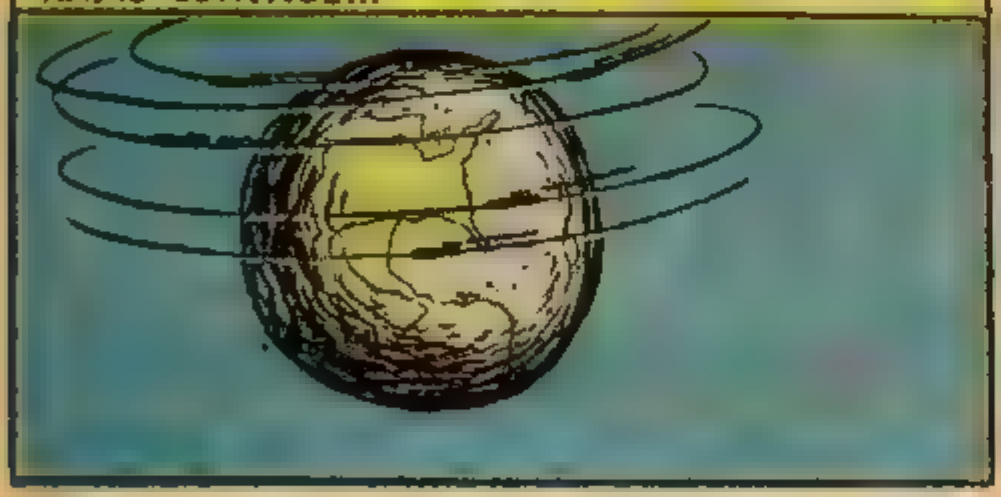
MESSAGE to the MOON!

A RADIO MESSAGE BEAMED AT THE MOON FROM THIS PLANET HAS FOR THE FIRST TIME "BOUNCED BACK" IN INTELLIGIBLE FORM TO THE EARTH!..


MOON
WHAT HATH GOD WROUGHT
EARTH
DISTANCE FROM EARTH TO MOON--240,000 MILES. TRAVELING TIME FOR ROUND-TRIP MESSAGE--2½ SECONDS

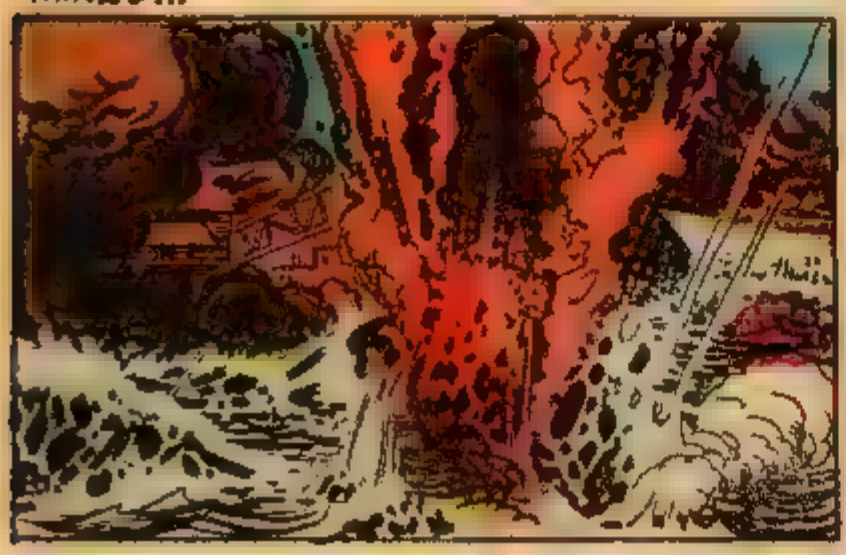
THE SUCCESSFUL RADIO TRANSMISSION BY "LUNAR REFLECTION" WILL LEAD THE WAY TO MANY IMPORTANT SCIENTIFIC ADVANCES...

IN THE FUTURE, MAN-MADE SATELLITE ROCKETS CIRCLING HIGH ABOVE THE EARTH WILL BE KEPT ACCURATELY ON THEIR COURSES VIA RADIO-CONTROL...

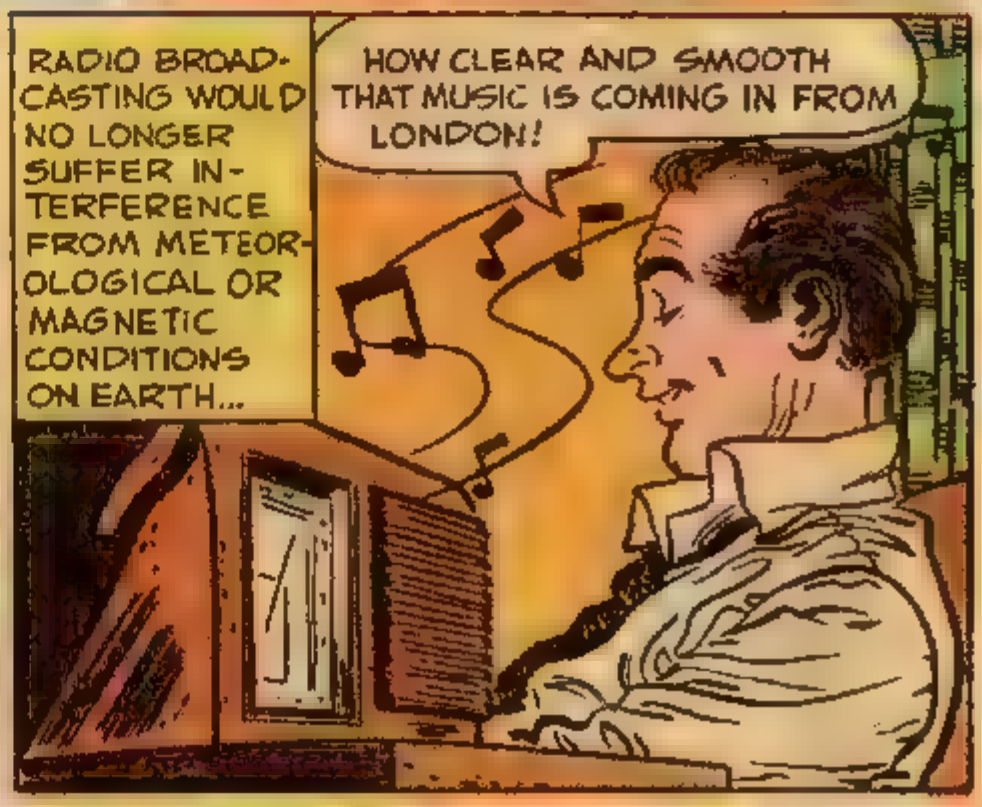


LONG-RANGE WAR MISSILES WILL HIT THEIR TARGETS DESPITE ATTEMPTED RADIO-JAMMING BY THE ENEMY..

ATOMIC MINES THAT HAVE BEEN SECRETLY LAID IN ENEMY HARBORS OR FACTORIES WILL BE DETONATED BY RADIO SIGNALS DIRECTED TOWARD THE MOON AND REFLECTED BACK AT THE MINES...



RADIO BROADCASTING WOULD NO LONGER SUFFER INTERFERENCE FROM METEOROLOGICAL OR MAGNETIC CONDITIONS ON EARTH...



AT ONE TIME OR ANOTHER, EVERYONE HAS WISHED FOR A PERFECT WORLD. A WORLD WHERE EVERYTHING HAPPENS AS WE WOULD LIKE IT TO HAPPEN, WHERE THERE IS NO WAR, FAMINE, OR POVERTY--WHERE ALL OUR DAYS ARE HAPPY ONES. ONE MAN--CAPTAIN BILL NELSON OF THE SPACE FLEET--FOUND SUCH A WORLD. IT WAS INDEED..

The PERFECT PLANET!

STORY BY **GARDNER F. FOX**

WELCOME HOME, BILL!

THIS ALIEN WORLD--EXACTLY LIKE **EARTH!** BUT HOW IS IT POSSIBLE?

MAY 15, 1982 IS USHERED INTO THE NELSON HOUSEHOLD PRECISELY AS EVERY OTHER DAY OF THE PAST TEN YEARS...

MMMFFF..

BILL, WAKE UP! YOU'RE DUE AT THE SPACE-PORT IN AN HOUR!

SIX O'CLOCK ALREADY! CAN'T YOU EVER LET ME SLEEP AN EXTRA TEN MINUTES?

HURRY UP, NOW! YOUR SCRAMBLED EGG GUM IS ON THE TABLE!

EVERY MORNING SCRAMBLED EGG GUM! WHY CAN'T I HAVE IT **BOILED** OR FRIED SOMETIMES? OR MAYBE ONE DAY--OLD-FASHIONED **FLAPJACKS?**

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AND THE COFFEE! ALWAYS MADE FROM **HOT WATER** AND A **CAFFEIN PILL!** WHAT I WOULDN'T GIVE TO SMELL THE AROMA OF **BREWED** COFFEE!

CHEERY THIS MORNING, AREN'T WE?

OR IS IT NERVES, NOW THAT YOU'RE FINALLY READY TO TEST YOUR NEW INVENTION?

NERVES, MAYBE! STILL, IF MY INTER-STELLAR DRIVE UNIT WORKS--MAN CAN TRAVEL BEYOND THE STARS! DOWN, **COMET!** DOGGONE IT! YOU ALWAYS WAIT UNTIL YOUR PAWS ARE MUDDY BE-FORE YOU JUMP ON ME!

AND SO LEAVING A TRAIL OF BIG AND LITTLE ANNOYANCES BEHIND HIM, CAPTAIN BILL NELSON ARRIVES AT THE SOLAR SPACEWAYS

...REOFF POST...

WITHIN FIVE MINUTES OF ARRIVAL TIME, THE ROCKET TUBES ARE BLASTING HIM UPWARD OFF THE EARTH, INTO THE BLACKNESS OF SPACE...

FASTER--FASTER SPEEDS THE SHIP TOWARD THE OUTER RIM OF THE SOLAR SYSTEM. THEN--SUDDENLY...

THE ANODYNE TRANSFORMER HAS CONKED OUT! WHAT BLASTED LUCK! I'VE GOT TO SWITCH OVER INTO A NEUTRAL RELAY AND HOPE TO BE PICKED UP BY A SPACE-TUG!

BUT UNKNOWN TO CAPTAIN BILL NELSON, HIS SILVERY SHIP IS STREAKING OUTWARD PAST NEPTUNE AND PLUTO, BOUND AT UNBELIEV-ABLE SPEED TOWARD INTERSTELLAR SPACE!

MYSTERY IN SPACE

THE SHIP CHRONO-METER REGISTERS ONLY MINUTES AS BILL NELSON WORKS FEVERISHLY TO ADJUST THE CONTROLS...

THERE! GUESS I'VE STOPPED THAT POWER LEAK! WONDER WHERE IN SPACE I AM NOW?

BUT IN THAT SHORT TIME, HIS SHIP STREAKED PAST PROXIMA CENTAURI THE STAR CLOSEST TO OUR SOLAR SYSTEM! IT FLEES BY SIRIUS AND PROCYON! IT WHISKS OUTWARD BEYOND VAN MAANEN'S STAR TOWARD DISTANT ANTARES...

THAT'S ANTARES LOOMING AHEAD! NO DOUBT ABOUT THE DISTINCTIVE REDDISH HUE OF THAT GIANT STAR!

IN THE HALF HOUR I'VE BEEN BEYOND EARTH'S GRAVITY--I'VE TRAVELED MORE THAN ***TWO HUNDRED LIGHT YEARS***! THIS LOOKS LIKE A LIVABLE PLANET. I'LL DROP DOWN AND CHECK MY UNIT AGAIN...

AFTER SEVERAL HOURS TINKERING WITH THE MECHANISM...

IT'S NO USE! THE UNIT'S HOPELESSLY RUINED! I'M SPACE WRECKED HERE -- FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE!

NEVER SEE HOME AGAIN... MIDGE... ***COMET!*** NEVER SEE MY BUDDIES... THE GREEN HILLS OF EARTH...

MYSTERY IN SPACE

SUDDENLY, THE SOUND OF RUNNING FOOTSTEPS SNAPS BILL OUT OF HIS REVERIE...

M-MIDGE?! I-I'M HAVING HALLUCINATIONS! THAT ISN'T **YOU!** IT **CAN'T** BE!

BUT IT IS, DEAREST, IT **IS!**

I DON'T UNDERSTAND! I'M ON A PLANET HUNDREDS OF LIGHT YEARS FROM THE EARTH! HOW COULD YOU-- WHY, MIDGE! YOU'RE BEAUTIFUL! AS PRETTY AS THE DAY I FIRST MET YOU!

FLATTERER!

IN A DAZE, THE SPACEMAN FOLLOWS HIS WIFE TO THE OTHER SIDE OF THE HILL...

LET'S GO INTO THE HOUSE, BILL! I'VE A SURPRISE FOR YOU!

AND THAT HOUSE! WHY IT'S--IT'S THE WAY I ALWAYS IMAGINED OUR DREAM HOUSE WOULD BE!

YOUR FAVORITE BREAKFAST--FLAPJACKS AND SAUSAGES WITH MAPLE SYRUP--AND COFFEE BREWED BY MY OWN HANDS!

THIS IS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE!

AND AFTER BREAKFAST, YOU CAN READ THE PAPER AND PLAY WITH **COMET!** IT'S TIME YOU TOOK A DAY OFF FROM WORK! BESIDES, WE'RE HAVING A BIG PARTY TONIGHT. ALL YOUR OLD FRIENDS ARE COMING!

IF I'M DREAMING THIS, I HOPE IT NEVER ENDS!

THUS BEGINS FOR BILL NELSON A LIFE THAT NO MAN ON EARTH EVER KNEW. EVERY MOMENT IS FILLED WITH JOY AND LAUGHTER. THERE IS NO WORRY, NO ANNOYANCE. ANYTHING HE WANTS--HE GETS...

THIS IS PERFECTION!

HOW OR WHY YOU'RE HERE I DON'T KNOW! BUT I SURE LIKE IT!

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ONE DAY HE GOES SWIMMING IN THE LAKE OF HIS BOYHOOD DAYS...

IT'S JUST AS I REMEMBERED IT! WHAT HAPPY DAYS I SPENT HERE!

THE NEXT DAY--IF HE HAS AYEN TO GO SKIING OR SLEDDING, THE WEATHER GROWS COLD AND SNOW FALLS...

EVEN THE WEATHER VARIES TO SUIT MY MOOD!

IF HE WANTS TO WALK IN THE RAIN, A SHOWER POURS DOWN! IF HE WANTS QUIET HOURS TO READ OR WORK, MIDGE CONVENIENTLY DISAPPEARS...

I HAVE EVERYTHING I NEED. BUT I ***STILL*** CAN'T FIND THE FLAWS IN MY INVENTION! I'M TRAPPED HERE! TRAPPED? THAT'S FUNNY! IT'S AS IF I--DIDN'T LIKE WHAT I HAVE!

WHY SHOULDN'T I LIKE IT HERE? THIS IS A PERFECT PLANET...OR AM I TRYING TO CONVINCE MYSELF? IS A MAN HAPPY WHEN HE GETS WHAT HE WANTS ***ALL*** THE TIME? OR IS HE HAPPY ONLY WHEN HE ***EARNS*** HIS HAPPINESS?

SUDDENLY--A SHIMMERING LIGHT LOOMS BEFORE THE EARTHMAN...

HEY! WHERE DID ***THAT*** COME FROM?

I LIVE HERE, MAN OF EARTH! I AM A MEMBER OF AN ANCIENT RACE THAT HAS PROGRESSED SO FAR ALONG EVOLUTION'S PATH THAT WE ARE NOW COMPRISED OF PURE ENERGY!

WE READ YOUR MIND! WE SAW THE MEMORIES THAT WERE DEAR TO YOU...AND MATERIALIZED THOSE MEMORIES! AND BECAUSE IN YOUR LONELINESS, YOU PICTURED THEM AS PERFECT, THEY BECAME PERFECT WHEN WE CREATED THEM!

I-I DON'T BELIEVE IT!

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I SHALL PROVE IT TO YOU. YOU HAVE THUS FAR FAILED TO CORRECT THE FLAW IN YOUR INTERSTELLAR DRIVE. IMAGINE IT--AS YOU THINK IT **SHOULD BE** TO MAKE IT WORK!

I'LL TAKE YOU UP ON THAT! I'M GOING INSIDE!

FRANK GIACOIA

A MOMENT LATER--

SURE! THAT'S IT! THAT'S THE WAY I ALWAYS PICTURED IT, YET I COULD NEVER MAKE IT WORK! I SEE WHAT WAS WRONG, NOW!

YOU HAVE YOUR PROOF! MAN OF EARTH--DECIDE! WILL YOU STAY HERE WHERE ALL IS PERFECTION? OR--WILL YOU RETURN **HOME?**

I'M GOING--**HOME!** NO MATTER HOW PERFECT ANYTHING IS, A HUMAN BEING SOON GETS BORED WITH IT! IT'S ONLY WHEN HE DOES SOMETHING HIMSELF, TO **MERIT** HIS HAPPINESS--CAN HE BE *TRULY HAPPY!*

SOME TIME LATER, BACK ON EARTH, AFTER BILL HAS RECEIVED THE SOLAR MEDAL OF HONOR FOR HIS INVENTION...

HERE YOU ARE, HERO! YOUR SCRAMBLED EGG GUM!

BOY, IT SURE LOOKS GOOD! YOU KNOW, HONEY--I FOUND THAT THERE CAN BE TOO MUCH OF A GOOD THING! YES, SIR! THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME!

THE END

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Try not to get over-tired by work, hard play or travel. If you already have the polio infection in your body, being very tired may bring on serious polio.

Keep from getting chilled. Don't bathe or swim too long in cold water. Take off wet clothes at once. Chilling can lessen your body's protection against polio.

Keep clean. Wash hands carefully before eating and always after using the toilet. Hands may carry polio infection into the body through the mouth. Also keep food clean and covered.

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ACT QUICKLY—CALL YOUR DOCTOR AT ONCE

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ROCKET Take off...

AT FIRST CONSIDERATION, IT WOULD SEEM OBVIOUS THAT THE MOST ADVANTAGEOUS ROCKET TAKE-OFF FROM EARTH MUST BE *STRAIGHT-UP*...

ZOOM!

HOWEVER, A VERTICAL ASCENT WOULD REQUIRE SUCH AN ENORMOUS EXPENDITURE OF POWER TO OVERCOME THE GRAVITY PULL OF THE EARTH, THAT IT IS QUITE IMPRACTICAL. THEORETICALLY, A *HORIZONTAL* "ASCENT" WOULD BE BEST, IN ORDER TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE EARTH'S ROTATION -- BUT UNFORTUNATELY THAT IS IMPOSSIBLE BECAUSE OF AIR RESISTANCE...

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS LIKELY THAT ROCKET TAKE-OFFS IN THE FUTURE WILL BE MADE AS HORIZONTALLY AS POSSIBLE, AND IN AN *EASTERLY* DIRECTION, TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE EARTH'S EASTERLY ROTATION...

DIAGRAMATICALLY, THE COMPROMISE BETWEEN THE MOST EFFICIENT ASCENT (HORIZONTALLY DUE EAST), AND THE AVOIDANCE OF AIR RESISTANCE WOULD BE AS FOLLOWS...

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A

EAST

A - SURFACE OF EARTH

B - MOST EFFICIENT ASCENT

C - COMPROMISE ORBIT OF ROCKET

The METEOR OF REVENGE!

IN MINUTES, THE METEOR W'LL CRUSH AMERICA LIKE A TRACTOR WOULD AN ANT-HILL! HA, HA! I WOULDN'T MISS THIS FOR THE WORLD!

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE A GRANDSTAND SEAT ON THE MOON TO WITNESS THE DESTRUCTION OF ALMOST AN ENTIRE CONTINENT BY A HURTLING METEOR? OF COURSE YOU WOULDN'T! BUT HALF-MAD MARTIN LANE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE A GREAT COSMIC JEST WHEN HE SPED THE SPEEDING METEOR CUTTING A BLINDING PATH THROUGH SPACE TOWARD THE EARTH! IT WAS A FLAMING JUGGERNAUT OF DESTRUCTION... A *KILLER METEOR!*

Story by JACK MILLER

IN HIS MOUNTAIN-TOP LABORATORY AND OBSERVATION TOWER, SCIENTIST MARTIN LANE MAKES A STUNNING DISCOVERY...

THERE CAN BE NO DOUBT OF IT... A GIANT METEOR FROM OUTSIDE THE SOLAR SYSTEM...

...IS HURTLING TOWARD THE EARTH! CONSIDERING ITS SPEED AND SIZE, NOTHING CAN POSSIBLY STOP IT!

...HON, HASTILY BUT ACCURATELY ...PUTING ITS COURSE...

...CCORDING TO MY F NDINGS, THE ...TEOR WILL STRIKE THE EXACT CENTER OF THE UNITED STATES, ...TS IMPACT WILL CAUSE WIDE-SPREAD DESTRUCTION FROM ...AST TO COAST! AND KILL ...LIONS--BUT, NOT *ME!* HA! HA!

NO, NOT MARTIN LANE--WHO WAS RETIRED IN DISGRACE FOR STEALING EQUIPMENT I NEEDED! I'LL BE SAFE, WHILE THEY WILL PERISH!

AFTER KNOCKING OUT THE SENTRY GUARDING THE ARMY PROVING GROUNDS NEARBY...

I WORKED ON THIS EXPERIMENTAL SPACE-SHIP FOR THE ARMY FOR YEARS BEFORE I WAS BARRED FROM HERE--SO I KNOW JUST HOW TO OPERATE IT!

FAREWELL AND GOOD RIDDANCE TO WHAT WILL SOON BECOME A HEAP OF RUBBLE!

17 DAYS LATER, AFTER PLUMMETING THROUGH SPACE AT THE ROCKET SPEED OF 15,000 MILES PER HOUR...

SOON I SHALL BE THE ONLY SCIENTIST ALIVE TO WITNESS THE FIRST MAJOR PLANETARY COLLISION OF MODERN TIMES!

...AT MT. HUBBEL OBSERVATORY, SANER SCIENTISTS VIEW THE ...RIAL OF THE "KILLER METEOR" WITH DREAD CONCERN...

...NTLEMEN, THERE ARE ONLY TWO ALTERNATIVES ...EFT US IN THE FACE OF THIS THREATENING ...STER! ONE IS TO ...CUATE THE COUNTRY--AND THERE IS NEITHER THE TIME NOR THE FACILITIES TO DO ...HAT!

AND THE OTHER ALTERNATIVE?

SOMETHING SO FANTASTIC THAT YOU WILL THINK I AM INSANE EVEN TO MENTION IT! YET, IT IS THE ONLY COURSE LEFT FOR US!

MEANWHILE, AFTER SEVERAL SUSPENSEFUL WEEKS ON THE MOON...

THERE GOES THE KILLER METEOR! HA, HA, I WONDER WHAT MY FELLOW COLLEAGUES ARE DOING NOW? UH--W-WHAT'S--THAT--EXPLOSION?

BOOM!

T-THE METEOR--SEEMS TO BE OFF ITS COURSE! BUT IT CAN'T BE! MY COMPUTATIONS WERE CORRECT--I'M SURE OF IT!

IS IT--P-POSSIBLE? THE MOON IS RUSHING TO MEET THE METEOR! I'M NOT SAFE HERE... WE'LL COLLIDE!

AND AS MILLIONS ON EARTH GAZE SKYWARD...

THEIR HYSTERICAL TEARS GIVE WAY TO UNBOUNDED JOY AS...

WHUMP!

SOMETIME LATER, AT THE SCIENCE INSTITUTE, IN THE NATION'S CAPITAL...

WE ARE GATHERED HERE TO DO HONOR TO THE BRILLIANT SCIENTIST, JOHN LAWRENCE, WHO WILL EXPLAIN HOW HIS PLAN SAVED US UNTOLD DESTRUCTION AND LOSS OF LIFE!

MYSTERY IN SPACE

OUR PROBLEM WAS TO DIVERT, IF WE COULD, THE COURSE OF THE METEOR! TO DO THIS, WE COMPUTED THAT ON TUESDAY, LAST, AT NOON, IT WOULD PASS A POINT EXACTLY 800 MILES WEST OF THE MOON!
SO AT THE PRECISE MOMENT THE METEOR REACHED THIS POINT, WE USED A BISMUTH BOMB TO SHOOT THE MOON OUT OF ITS ORBIT INTO THE METEOR'S PATH--AND THE RESULTING EXPLOSION, AS YOU KNOW, DESTROYED BOTH BODIES!
POINT OF IMPACT
METEOR'S COURSE
MOON'S ORBIT
MOON
EARTH
WE WOULD HAVE PREFERRED TO SPARE THE MOON AND FIRE THE BISMUTH BOMB AT THE METEOR, BUT IT WAS TOO FAST A MOVING TARGET, AND WE COULDN'T RISK A MISS!
LUCKY THERE'S NO LIFE ON THE MOON, EH, LAWRENCE?
AND THAT GAME EVENING...
SOMEHOW, LAWRENCE, THE SKY DOESN'T LOOK THE SAME ANYMORE!
YES, HENLY--WE'LL MISS THE MOON--BUT NOT AS MUCH AS WE'D MISS THE GOOD OLD U.S.A. IF THAT METEOR HAD EVER LANDED!
THE END.

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MODEL
WHAT'LL WE DRAW?
SHALL WE SKETCH PEP?
THE MOST *INTERESTING* IDEA WINS, KIDS!
HMM - I'VE GOT IT ALREADY!
TIME'S UP! NOW I'LL PICK THE WINNER!
LOOK AT MINE FIRST!
I'LL WIN WITH THIS ONE -
SEE MY IDEA, PUD -
ARF!
SIS IS THE WINNER! AND HER PRIZE IS A WHOLE BOX OF DUBBLE BUBBLE!
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ODD FACTS ABOUT METEORS

ALTHOUGH METEORS HAVE FALLEN ON BUILDINGS, THERE IS NO PROVED CASE OF A PERSON BEING KILLED OR INJURED BY ONE.

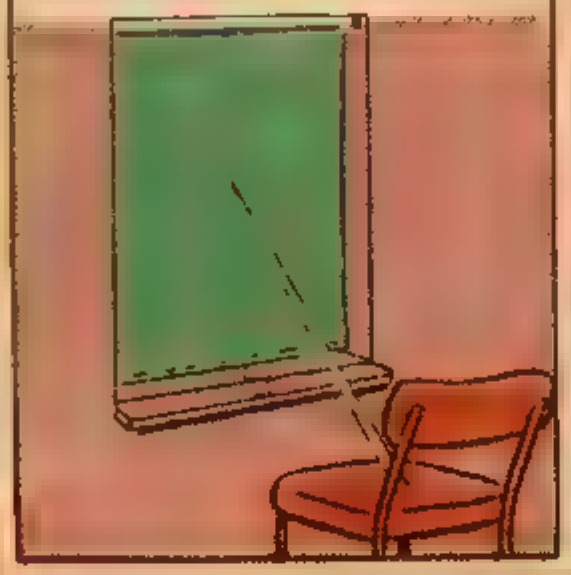
THUMP!

ATMOSPHERIC FRICTION HEATS METEORS FALLING FROM OUTER SPACE, YET MANY HAVE LANDED ON DRY GRASS WITHOUT EVEN CHARRING THE GRASS ... SOME HAVE BEEN RECOVERED SHORTLY AFTER THEIR FALL, AND WERE COLD TO THE TOUCH

METEORS ARE THE ONLY TANGIBLE OBJECTS SCIENCE HAS OBTAINED FROM OUTER SPACE, WHICH CAN BE STUDIED BY PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL METHODS AND BE RETAINED IN A COLLECTION FOR FUTURE REFERENCE ..

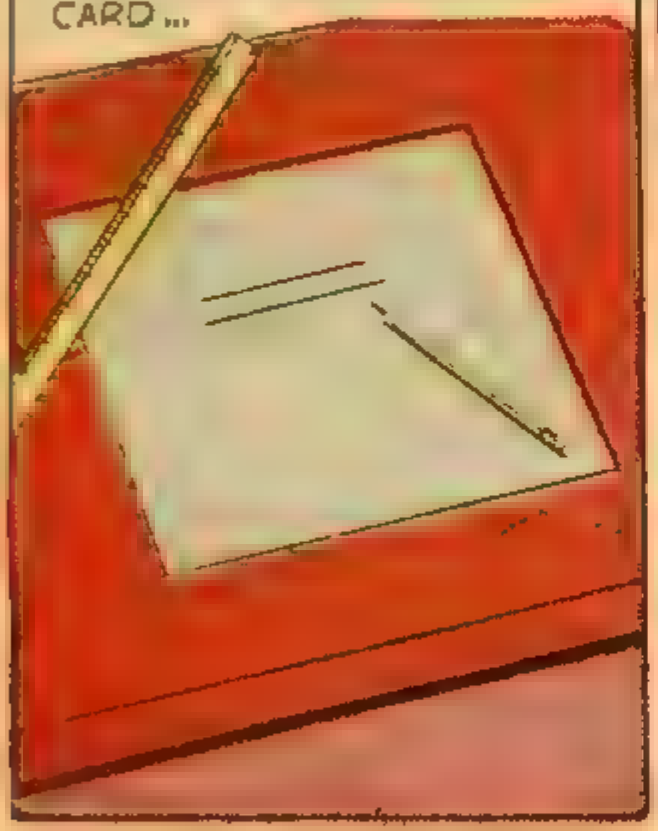
How to MEASURE the DIAMETER of the SUN

ON A SUNNY DAY, PULL DOWN THE WINDOW SHADE IN YOUR ROOM, AND MAKE A GOOD-SIZED PINHOLE THROUGH IT AT SUCH A HEIGHT THAT A RAY OF SUNLIGHT WILL STRIKE A CHAIR PLACED NEAR THE WINDOW

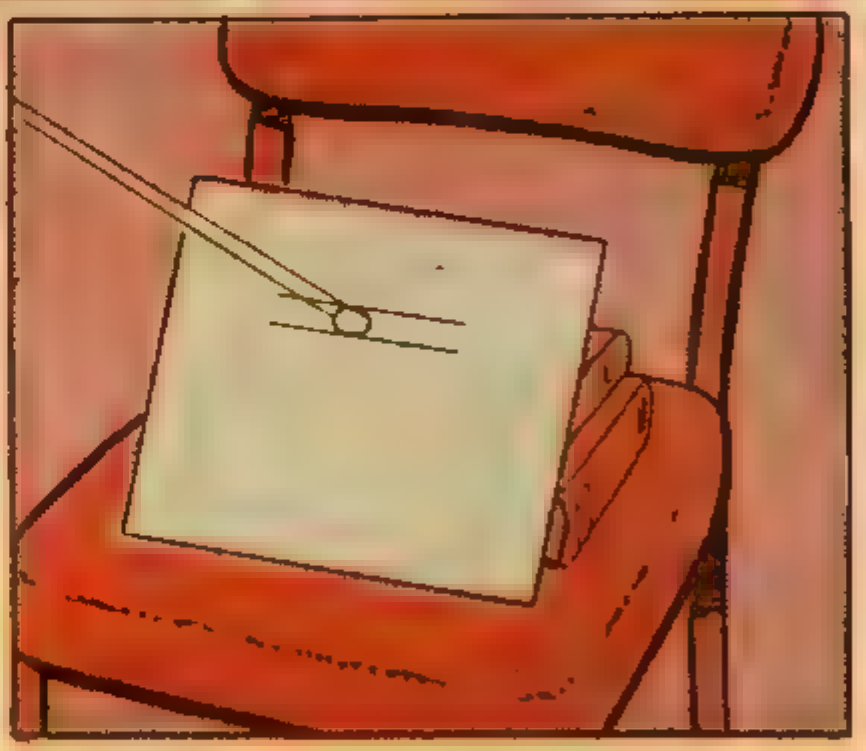


PLACE SOME BOOKS ON THE CHAIR. AND THEN PROP A WHITE CARD AGAINST THE BOOKS SO THAT IT IS AT RIGHT ANGLES TO THE LIGHT BEAM..

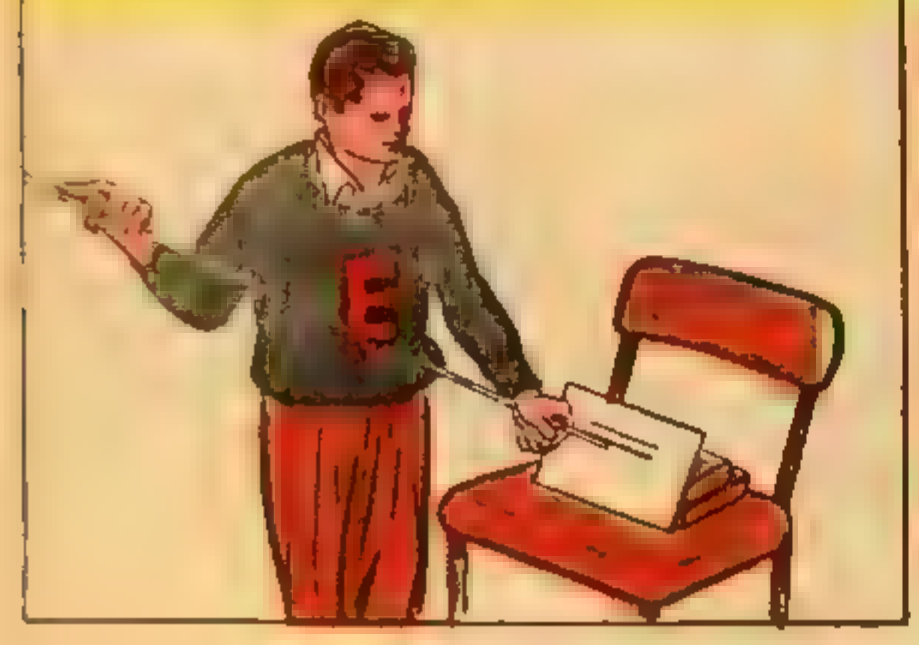
WITH A SHARP PENCIL AND RULER DRAW TWO SHORT PARALLEL LINES ON THE CARD...



MOVE THE CHAIR BACK OR FORWARD UNTIL THE SUN'S IMAGE BECOMES JUST LARGE ENOUGH TO FILL EXACTLY THE SPACE BETWEEN THE TWO PARALLEL LINES...



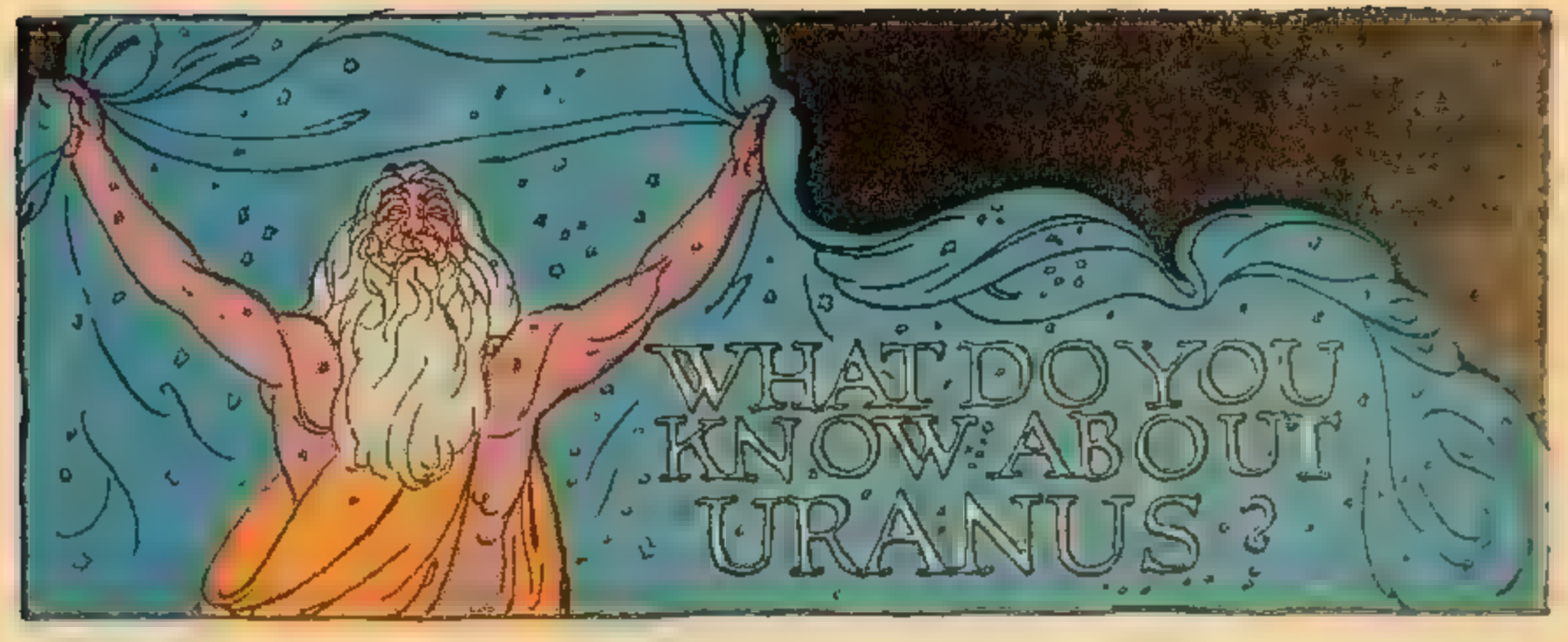
TAKE EXACT MEASUREMENTS OF THE DISTANCE BETWEEN THE PARALLEL LINES ON THE CARD, AND THE DISTANCE BETWEEN THE CARD AND THE PINHOLE IN THE SHADE..



THE DISTANCE FROM THE PINHOLE TO THE CARD (FOR EXAMPLE, 125.4 INCHES) IS TO THE DISTANCE BETWEEN THE PARALLEL LINES (SAY, 1.175 INCHES) AS THE DISTANCE FROM THE SUN TO EARTH (93,000,000 MILES) IS TO THE DIAMETER OF THE SUN..

$$\frac{125.4''}{1.175''} = \frac{93{,}000{,}000 \text{ MILES}}{X \text{ MILES}}$$

870,000 MILES (APPROX.) = X (DIAMETER OF SUN)



TRUE-FALSE

(Below are 10 astronomical facts about the planet URANUS. Select the ones that are completely correct and answer *true*. For each number correctly answered credit yourself with 4 points.)

1. A listing of planets from the sun outward would make Uranus the seventh planet.

2. Should an inhabitant from Uranus rocket toward Earth, the first planet he would have to pass would be Saturn.

3. On the other hand, if he proceeded in the opposite direction, he would first pass Uranus' nearest neighbor, Pluto.

4. Earthmen who are eager to see Uranus in the night sky have to look through a telescope, for even under the most favorable conditions, it can never be seen with the naked eye.

5. Uranus' motion is so peculiar that the Royal Observatory of Gottingen once offered a prize for a satisfactory explanation.

6. The direction of rotation of Uranus is unique in the solar system in that it is opposite to that of all the other planets.

7. Comparing Uranus to Earth, the magic number is 4. Its mean diameter is 4 times that of Earth, its surface 4 times 4, and its volume 4 times 4 times 4.

8. Uranus has such a small and faintly illuminated disk that it is more difficult to measure its diameter than to determine its mass.

9. Spectroscopic observations of Uranus clearly indicate the impossibility of any atmosphere being present on the planet.

10. On the basis of the mean distance of Uranus from the sun, it is possible to estimate the temperature of the surface of Uranus.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

(Herewith are presented 10 more facts about the planet URANUS. However, only one of a trio of statements is correct. Make your choice and take 2 points for each alternate correctly answered.)

1. The discovery of the planet Uranus in 1781 electrified the astronomical world because it was the first planet detected by (a) spectroscope, (b) telescope, (c) radar.

2. The hero of the hour—the discoverer of Uranus—was the astronomer (a) Galileo, (b) Newton, (c) Herschel.

3. Actually, Uranus had been observed earlier on numerous occasions, but skyscanners had mistakenly tagged it as a (a) star, (b) comet, (c) moon.

4. Even the discoverer of Uranus wasn't

sure it was a planet. He first announced it to be a (a) meteor, (b) sun, (c) comet.

5. The true planetary character of Uranus was not demonstrated until nearly another (a) month, (b) year, (c) century had elapsed.

6. In honor of the reigning king of England, the newly discovered planet was named by its finder (a) Edward Sidus, (b) Henry Sidus, (c) Georgium Sidus.

7. The British name was never adopted on the European continent; instead it was given the name of its discoverer.Finally, the name Uranus, proposed by (a) Bode, (b) the Royal Astronomical Society, (c) French Academy of Sciences, prevailed over all other appellations.

8. Six years after the discovery of Uranus, it was announced by the planet's discoverer that there were (a) 1, (b) 2, (c) 4 moons revolving about Uranus.

9. Sixty years later, two additional moons were identified. They were give the names (a) Ariel and Umbriel, (b) Phobos and Deimos, (c) Titan and Rhea.

10. Surprisingly enough, the study of the motions of Uranus revealed irregularities that eventually led to the discovery of still another planet (a) Pluto, (b) Saturn, (c) Neptune.

MISSING WORD

(Supply the missing word that will complete the following facts about Uranus. Each word corectly given is worth 5 points.)

1. The fact that Uranus is flattened at the .....is direct evidence that it has a high rotational speed.

2. Uranus is so remote that its apparent brightness varies by only 20 per cent from opposition to ....

3. Astronomical observations have indicated faint bands or belts upon Uranus, very similar to those of the planet.....

4. The number of known satellites revolving about Uranus is ....

5. The most remarkable feature about Uranus' satellites is the high inclination of their orbit planes, so that their..... ..... is really retrograde.

MATCHING COLUMNS

(In the first column are five astronomical distances pertaining to the planet Uranus. In column two are listed their "equivalents," but in incorrect order. Tag the right number to the right distance and take 3 points for each of the correctly joined terms.)

1. 1,783,000 miles	A. Maximum distance from Earth
2. 1,960,000 miles	B. Distance of nearest satellite
3. 1,698,000 miles	C. Mean diameter
4. 32,000 miles	D. Closest approach to Sun
5. 165,900 miles	E. Mean distance from Sun

ANSWERS!

True-False: 1, true. 2, true. 3, false. 4, false. 5, true. 6, true. 7, true. 8, true. 9, false. 10, true.

Multiple Choice: 1, b. 2, c. 3, a. 4, c. 5, b. 6, c. 7, a. 8, b. 9, a. 10, c.

Missing Word: 1, poles. 2, conjunction. 3, Jupiter. 4, five. 5, motion.

Matching Columns: 1-E, 2-A, 3-D, 4-C, 5-B.

RATINGS!

90 to 100—Extraordinary

75 to 90—Excellent

60 to 75—Good

0 to 60—Poor

"The Martian Horse!"

THIS IS THE STORY OF DAN HARBER, A SMALL-TIME GAMBLER WHOSE LUCK WAS RUNNING OUT. THEN DAN FOUND A FANTASTIC HORSE. WHERE DID IT COME FROM? WHY DID IT WIN EVERY RACE? YOU'LL FIND THE STARTLING ANSWERS IN THIS SUSPENSE THRILLER, THE STRANGEST SPORTS STORY EVER TOLD!

WHY, THAT'S A HORSE DOWN THERE! THE MOST MAGNIFICENT ANIMAL I'VE EVER SEEN! I MUST GET HIM! HE'LL BE THE CHAMP RACER OF ALL TIME!

STORY BY MANNY RUBIN

ONE AFTERNOON, AT THE BELSONT CITY RACE TRACK...

THE WINNER OF THE BELSONT HANDICAP IS--**HAPPY DAYS**... SECOND--**BIG TIME**... THIRD--**KENTUCKY BELLE**.

THE RESULTS SPELL GLOOM FOR DAN HARBER, PROFESSIONAL GAMBLER...

OF ALL THE ROTTEN LUCK! THAT MAKES SEVEN RACES IN A RON I LOST

MYSTERY IN SPACE

I OWE THE SYNDICATE THREE GRAND BECAUSE OF MY STRONG HUNCHES. THEY'RE LABLE TO PLAY ROUGH WHEN THEY DISCOVER I CAN'T PAY OFF!

THERE HE GOES, DUKE! DON'T LET HIM GET AWAY.

OKAY, HARBER, WHERE'S OUR THREE G'S? WE DON'T LIKE WELSHERS.

YOU'LL GET IT. JUST GIVE ME UNTIL SATURDAY.

WE BETTER GET IT SOON—OR ELSE!

LATER... NOW WHAT AM I GOING TO DO? I PROMISED THEM I'D HAVE THE MONEY BY SATURDAY, AND I DON'T KNOW WHERE TO GET IT. I SHOULD HAVE NEVER TAKEN UP GAMBLING.

WHEN I GOT OUT OF COLLEGE I SHOULD HAVE TAKEN AN HONEST JOB. NOW I'M A DEAD DUCK! NOTHING IS LEFT... GREAT SCOTT! WHAT IS THAT?

I CAN'T BELIEVE MY EYES -- BUT IT LOOKED LIKE A SPACE-SHIP THAT WAS ABOUT TO CRASH! BUT WHERE COULD IT BE COMING FROM?

IT *IS* A SPACE-SHIP AND IT CRASHED ON THAT SMALL ISLAND! THERE MAY BE SOME SURVIVORS. I'D BETTER GET DOWN THERE AND INVESTIGATE.

MYSTERY IN SPACE

MOMENTS LATER...

I HAVENT DONE A DIVE LIKE THIS SINCE I WAS SWIMMING CHAMP AT COLLEGE. I WONDER WHAT MY COACH WOULD SAY ABOUT MY FORM?

THIS ISN'T THE WAY TO MAKE $3,000, BUT I MAY BE ABLE TO SAVE A LIFE. I THOUGHT I SAW SOMEONE WATCHING ME AS I DIVED.

THERE *IS* SOMEONE ALIVE NEAR THE SHIP! I WONDER WHO HE'LL TURN OUT TO BE? HA, HA, MAYBE HE'LL BE A MAN FROM MARS...

PRESENTLY, WHEN DAN HARBER WADES ASHORE...

GREAT GUNS... IT'S A STALLION! BUT LOOK AT THE SIZE OF HIM! HE'S A THOROUGHBRED ALL RIGHT... I WONDER IF THERE ARE ANY OTHER SURVIVORS?

AFTER CAREFULLY EXAMINING THE OUTSIDE OF THE SHIP, DAN GOES IN TO INSPECT THE CABINS...

THAT'S FUNNY--THE PILOT AND CREW HAVE DISAPPEARED! BUT LOOK AT ALL THESE CAGES! THIS SHIP MUST HAVE BEEN FULL OF ANIMAL SPECIMENS OF THEIR WORLD AND THE REST OF THE CARGO HAS ESCAPED!

MYSTERY IN SPACE

PRESENTLY, OUTSIDE AGAIN...

HMM... WHAT A SPLENDID ANIMAL! WITH THESE POWERFUL LEGS I BET HE'D BREAK RECORDS FOR THE MILE-AND-A-QUARTER.' I THINK I'LL GET HIM TO THE TRACK AND SEE WHAT HE CAN DO UNTIL SOMEONE CLAIMS HIM.

BUT FIRST I'LL COVER THE SHIP WITH BRANCHES SO NOBODY ELSE WILL FIND IT. I NEVER CAN TELL WHEN I MAY NEED IT AGAIN.

IT'S UNBELIEVABLE! THAT HORSE JUST SHATTERED MAN-O'-WAR'S RECORD. HE'S THE FASTEST THING I'VE EVER SEEN. IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS I'LL ENTER H.M IN SOME SMALL RACES AS A TUNE-UP FOR THE DERBY.

IT'S AMAZING THE WAY HE'S TAKEN TO YOU, MR. HARBER. IT'S AS IF HE DOESN'T WANT YOU OUT OF HIS SIGHT FOR A MOMENT. WHAT'S HIS NAME?

JUST FOR A JOKE I'M CALLING HIM **MARTIAN.** HE CAME TO ME OUT OF THE BLUE AND HE'S GOING TO PUT ME IN THE GREEN... HA, HA.'

THE FOLLOWING SATURDAY, AT SANTA ANITA...

THE WINNER OF THE $25,000 ARNOLD STAKES IS *MARTIAN!*

THE ODDS ON HIM WERE 40 TO 1. THAT MEANS I CAN PAY OFF THE SYNDICATE AND HAVE PLENTY LEFT OVER. I'LL TAKE HIM TO NEW YORK AND SEE WHAT HE CAN DO THERE.

A WEEK LATER, AT THE JAMAICA RACE TRACK...

MARTIAN WINS AGA N. WITH THE ODDS AT 30-TO-1.' I COLLECT $90,000. I WON'T RACE HIM NOW UNTIL THE KENTUCKY DERBY. THEN I'LL ***REALLY*** CLEAN UP.'

WIN

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TWO WEEKS LATER, AT THE GREATEST OF ALL TURF EVENTS...THE KENTUCKY DERBY... WITH THE ODDS ON **MARTIAN** AT 5 TO 1.

OKAY, **MARTIAN,** WIN THIS AND I'M ON EASY STREET. I'VE GOT BIG PLANS FOR YOU AND ME AS SOON AS THE RACE IS OVER.

THERE'S THE BUGLE TO GET READY. I'LL SEE YOU IN THE WINNER'S CIRCLE IN A FEW MINUTES.

TWO MINUTES MORE, AND THOUSANDS OF SPORT FANS SEE THE GREATEST HORSE EVER TO ENTER A KENTUCKY DERBY ROMP HOME TO ITS GREATEST VICTORY.'

THE WINNER IS ***MARTIAN,*** SETTING A NEW TRACK RECORD AND COLLECTING THE BIGGEST PURSE EVER RECORDED.'

HE'S A GOLD MINE, BUT I CAN EARN MILLIONS MORE IF I FIND OUT WHERE HE CAME FROM. TONIGHT I'LL TAKE HIM BACK TO THE SPACE-SHIP.

THE ISLAND'S JUST AHEAD. NOW, IF I CAN ONLY REPAIR THE SHIP SO THAT IT CAN FLY, IT MIGHT RETURN ME TO HIS PLANET. THEN THINK OF THE MONEY I CAN MAKE WHEN I RETURN TO EARTH AS THE FIRST SPACE-TRAVELER.'

SEVERAL HOURS LATER...

THIS HORSE IS AMAZING! HE SEEMS TO SENSE WHICH INSTRUMENTS WERE DAMAGED AND PUSHES ME TOWARD THEM. AND HE'S POINTED THE DIRECTION INDICATOR TO THE PLANET MARS. WE'LL BE ABLE TO START OUR JOURNEY IMMEDIATELY.

PRESENTLY, AFTER THE GAMBLER HAS EXPERIMENTED WITH THE CONTROLS, THE SHIP BLASTS OFF INTO SPACE...

FOR A WEEK THE SPACE-SHIP CONTINUES ITS FLIGHT THROUGH THE VOID BEARING ITS STRANGE CARGO OF MAN AND ANIMAL. FINALLY...

SO THIS IS MARS! AND LOOK AT THE THOUSANDS OF HORSES WAITING FOR ME.' I'LL PUT ON THIS HELMET I FOUND IN THE SHIP AND SEE IF I CAN COMMUNICATE WITH WHOMEVER'S IN CHARGE.'

MYSTERY IN SPACE

EAGERLY DAN HARBER ADJUSTS THE GLASS HELMET AND STEPS OUT...

LOOK, IT'S ZAHOO! HE HAS RETURNED WITH AN EARTHMAN.

HURRAY FOR ZAHOO! HE NEVER FAILS IN HIS MISSION!

HEY, WHAT'S GOING ON HERE? THESE HORSES ARE TALKING! WHERE ARE THE MARTIANS?

WE ARE THE MARTIANS, HARBER! YOU ARE LISTENING IN ON OUR THOUGHT WAVES. I HAVE BROUGHT YOU HERE FOR A PURPOSE.

BUT THIS IS CRAZY! YOU'RE A *HORSE!* WHAT DO YOU WANT ME FOR?

WE HERE ON MARS ALSO ENJOY BETTING ON SPORTS, AND THE FIRST TIME I SAW YOU I KNEW YOU'D BE A WINNER! TAKE HIM TO HIS STALL, BOYS!

NO! YOU CAN'T DO THIS TO ME! YOU'RE HORSES!

AND SEVERAL DAYS LATER, AT THE GREAT MARTIAN OUTDOOR AQUACADE...

YOUR EARTHMAN WON AGAIN, ZAHOO! HE'S BETTER THAN ANY OF THE OTHER DIVERS FROM VENUS OR JUPITER! HOW DID YOU EVER FIND HIM?

AS SOON AS I SAW THE FOOL COMING TO RESCUE ME, I KNEW HE'D BE TERRIFIC! HE'S GOING TO MAKE ME A MILLION DOLLARS! SOME DAY I MAY RETURN TO EARTH AND PICK UP A FEW MORE HUMANS!

DIVERS POINT

THE END

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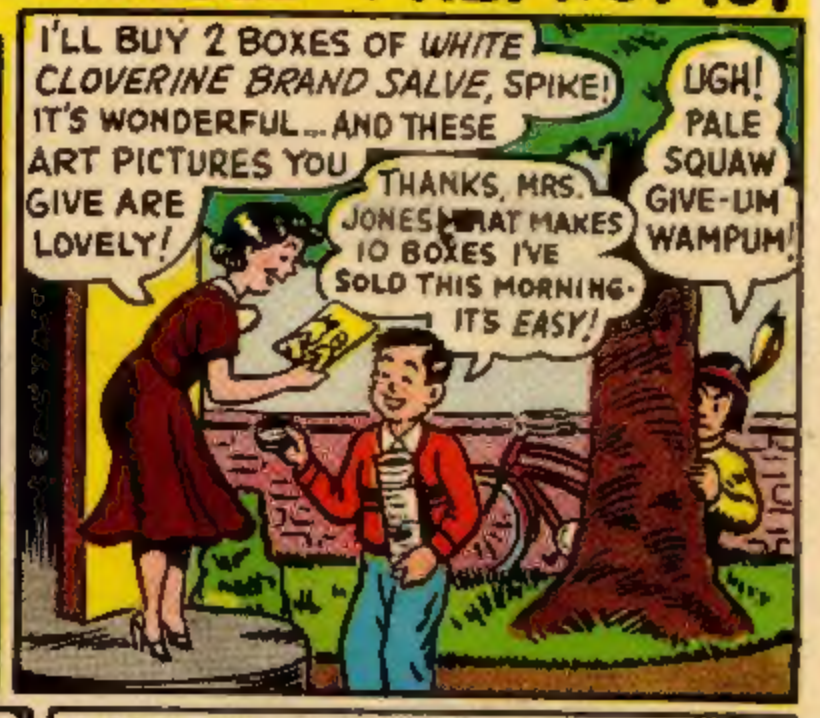
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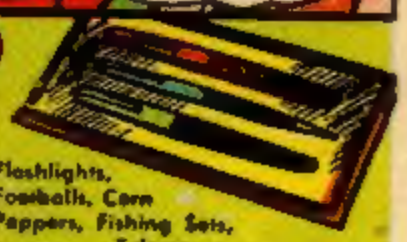

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